

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 917 without my signature.

While I support the author's well placed intentions to strengthen career technical education in our public schools in order to provide meaningful career opportunities for all students, the creation of a Career Technical Education Vision Council (council) would duplicate activities performed by other entities.

In order to invigorate career technical education in California, I prefer to take immediate steps to expand and improve career technical education curriculum in our public schools, align curriculum for seamless advanced work in our community colleges, and improve the quality and availability of information for students and parents to make informed choices for their future.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger